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SOURCE

1. ~~25X1C~~ Large-scale construction work supervised by Maj VONGOVSKI was done at the Kindel troop training grounds near EISENACH in 1948 and 1949. Maj VONGOVSKI returned to the Soviet Union in August 1949. 25X1C
  - b. A water main leading from the ETTENHAUSEN area to the training grounds was completed in 1948. A 700-cubic meter concrete reservoir was added to this water main in 1949, with a second water main branching off to the fuel dump near GROSSENHUPNITZ. The cost for the improvement of the training grounds in 1949 amounted to 1,600,000 eastmarks. 25X1C
  - c. A bridge of 60-ton load capacity was constructed in ETTENHAUSEN in connection with this construction program.
2. The troops at the training grounds for maneuvers were quartered in cantonments and wooden houses in the Haina Forest west of HAINA, in the Kindel Woods west of WOLFSBEHRINGEN, and in the GROSSENHUPNITZ area. Motor vehicles and heavy weapons were parked in the open, covered with canvas. Arriving troops and materiel were detrained and departing troops entrained at the railroad stations of EISENACH-RECHTERSTADT and SATTELSTADT. The headquarters for the troop training grounds was in GROSSENBEHRINGEN. 25X1C
 

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3. The troops at the training grounds from the spring to the Fall of 1949 were of all branches of service and totaled about thirty thousand. Most of them were recruits and primarily came from the military posts of NAUMBURG, HALLER, and HEISSENHAGEN. Numerous guns of all caliber, rocket launchers and numerous tanks were observed with the troops. The troops left the training grounds, entraining at the mentioned railroad stations for unidentified destinations between 9 and 15 October 1949. + 25X1C
 

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Comment:

The Kindel troop training grounds border on BERKA, BOLENRODA, BEUTENFELD, GROSSENLUPNITZ, WENIGENLUPNITZ, ETTENHAUSEN, EBENHEIM, HAINA, GROSSENBERGHEIM.

A fuel dump to supply the practicing units is located in a small woods NNE of GROSSENLUPNITZ, immediately south of the road leading to GROSSENBERGHEIM. The fuel is stored in drums as no underground containers are available.

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a. The report contains useful information on the extension and installations of the Kindel troop training grounds near EICHFACH.

b. The report also confirms that component units of the 57th Gds Itz Rifle Div (with military posts in HAUMBURG and other towns) and component units of the 21st Gds Recz Div (military posts in HALLE, WEISSFELD and other towns) held their 1949 summer maneuvers at the training grounds.

According to [REDACTED], the two mentioned divisions participated in the large-scale final maneuvers of the 1949th Gds Army in the CHURDRUP-GOTHA area from 1 to 13 October 1949. 25X1X

+ Presumably only supply installations and quartering equipment which was shipped back to the military posts.

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